

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2018
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2018, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members present as follows:

Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D., President
Roderick V. Clark, M.D., Vice-President
Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.
Lester Wayne Johnson, M.D.
Daniel K. Winstead, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.

The following members of the Board's staff were present:

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Stoller, Attorney, General Counsel
Lesley Rye, RN, Compliance Investigator
Cathy Storm, RN, Compliance Investigator
Lillie Rodgers, Investigations Manager
Aloma James, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
Kieshan Falls Williams, Administrative Program Specialist
Jacintha Duthu, Administrative Program Specialist
Rita L. Arceneaux, Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Philip O. Bergeron
Michael G. Bagneris (Ret)

Members of the general public present as follows:

Peter Antall, M.D., President and Chief Medical Officer, Online Care Group
Robert I. Hart, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Ochsner Health System
David Houghton, Ochsner Health System
Catherine Levendis, Ochsner Health System
Robert L. Marier, M.D., Ochsner Health System
Claudia Tucker, Chief Legal Officer, Teladoc, Inc.
Jeff Williams, Executive Vice-President & CEO, Louisiana State Medical Society
Jason Timball, M.D., Senior Medical Director, Teledoc, Inc.
A. J. Herbert III, Taggart Morton, L.L.C.
Richard J. Thompson
Shelley Sullivan Tynan

1. **Minutes of December 4, 2017 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meetings held December 4, 2017. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings with all necessary corrections.
2. **Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted the action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings.
3. **Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Michael D. Kotler, M.D., RemoteMD, Performance of Physical Examinations Utilizing Telemedicine.** The Board reviewed the draft communication prepared in response to the correspondence received from Michael D. Kotler, M.D., REMOTEMD® seeking an opinion from the Board on the utilization of elective physical examinations with the physician remotely visualizing certain functions and relying on “physician extenders” to palpate, percuss, feel for any masses, hernias, etc., in international waters. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the communication for dissemination limiting the response to Louisiana that the ability to “palpate, percuss, and feel for any masses, hernias, etc.,” are diagnostic techniques utilized by physicians to rule out or assist in the diagnoses of various illnesses, diseases, conditions and injuries that require the exercise of independent medical judgment, which constitutes the practice of medicine as defined by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, are not delegable and in order comply with the laws and rules governing telemedicine in this state should only be performed by a Louisiana licensed physician, PA or APRN.
4. **Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Administration of Ketamine in the Hospital Setting.** The Board reviewed the draft response to correspondence received from Peter DeBlieux M.D.,

Chief Medical Officer, University Medical Center, New Orleans, concerning the use of Ketamine as an agent for pain management and sedation in the hospital setting, advising that because the drug is classified as an anesthetic agent, a Declaratory Statement issued by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (“LSBN”) prevents its administration by nurses who are not Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (“CRNA”). Following review and discussion, the Board approved the response as written that informed Dr. DeBlieux that because the Declaratory Statement was issued by the LSBN it must defer to them on this issue, as they are the agency responsible for the licenses for the healthcare professionals that are impacted by the statement.

5. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Refusal of Patient for Surgical Treatment. The Board reviewed draft prepared in response to correspondence received from Megan Killion, Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC, asking whether a physician may refuse a patient for surgical treatment. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the draft response with one correction advising Ms. Killion that the Board’s response is limited to the interpretation and enforcement of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (“the Act”) and its governing rules. Pursuant to the §1285 of the Act, the Board may take action against a physician for patient abandonment and/or unprofessional conduct. Because determination of this nature are fact-specific, more information is required for an investigation into the matter.

6. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Telepsychiatry/Telemedicine Program. The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Cody Roi, M.D., seeking clarification of the advisory opinion on the “Use of Telemedicine Technologies with Established Patients” dated March 24, 2014 posted on the Board’s website for use in the development of a telepsychiatry program to improve access and care for patients with mental health needs. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Roi that the Board’s adoption/amendment of its telemedicine rules in 2015 and 2017, as well as a number of changes to the telemedicine law supersedes the advisory opinion and to advise that in response to his questions based on the controlling law and the Board’s rules with respect to the Advisory Opinion are “No”.

7. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Standard of Care with Respect to Telemedicine Provided to Patients; Speaker; Peter Antall, M.D., President and Chief Medical Officer, Online Care Group; Speaker Jason Timball, M.D., Senior Medical Director, Teledoc, Inc. Peter Antall, M.D., President and Chief Medical Officer, Online Care Group offered comments regarding telemedicine services stating that telemedicine services can safely, effectively and seamlessly improve medical access to patients and asked the Board for clarification or a statement regarding what the Board believes to be the standard of care with respect to telemedicine provided to patients in the home. Jason Timball, M.D., Senior Medical Director, Teledoc, Inc., stated that the standard of care with respect to telemedicine should be clearly defined in Louisiana statutes. Following their comments, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Antall that the standard of care with respect to telemedicine service in this state is the same whether the services are provided in person or by telemedicine. Stated differently, if a physician’s treatment of a patient by way of telemedicine would satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice as those in a traditional face-to-face setting, it would comply with the laws and rules governing telemedicine.

8. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Telemedicine Services; Speaker, Robert I. Hart, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; Ochsner Health System. Robert I. Hart, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Ochsner Health System provided an overview of the telemedicine services provided by Ochsner including various instances where telemedicine is being utilized. Following his comments, it was

the consensus of the Board to inform Dr. Hart that their plans to integrate telemedicine into the provision of patient care, generally appears to satisfy the requirements of the law and the Board's rules and that the only issue that has surfaced has to do with the standard of care applicable to telemedicine which is the same as the traditionally face-to-face setting.

9. General Administrative Matters; President's Report. The Board received the report of its President on her activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Valentine reported on her meeting at the Board of Governors' meeting of the Louisiana State Medical Society and various other matters.

10. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report. The Board received the report of its Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Culotta reported on issues facing various licensure groups, i.e., acupuncture, polysomnography and occupational therapy; the logistics facing the seven-day prescription relating to opioid prescribing and his communication with legislators on this matter. Dr. Culotta reported that Dr. Hengerer would make a presentation at the March 2018 and Dr. Betsy Williams had been invited to address the Board. He asked the Board for approval to pursue purchasing a fingerprint machine to facilitate the licensure processing of fingerprints. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the purchase provided adequate personnel were trained on its usage. Dr. Culotta concluded his report stating that the *Newsletter* would be available online to which the Board advised that the *Newsletter* should be printed and mailed once a year.

11. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; New Business; Use of Pro-Nox Nitrous Oxide. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to consider an item of new business, use of nitrous oxide. After review of electronic correspondence received from Martha E. Stewart, M.D., for the Board's reconsideration of the use of nitrous oxide, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this request pending receipt of information from the anesthesiology community on this matter.

12. General Administrative Matters; Therapeutic Marijuana Annual Report. The Board reviewed the 2018 Report to the Legislature on Debilitating Conditions for Therapeutic Marijuana prepared in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. §40:1046. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the annual report.

13. General Administrative Matters; Report; Act 76; Continuing Medical Education for Prescribers of Controlled Dangerous Substances. The Board reviewed the Report relative to Act 76 (2017); Continuing Medical Education for Prescribers of Controlled Dangerous Substances pursuant to La.Rev. Stat. §40:978.3C. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the report to the Legislature.

14. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports. The Board reviewed the Income Statement, Budget vs Projected Costs for the period ending November 30, 2017 presented by Danny Allday, CPA. The Board also made the following decision:

Travel Expenses. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board authorized the Executive Director to approve routine and special travel for Board Members, Board staff, Board

consultants, Members of its Advisory Committees, where applicable, and legal counsel for calendar year 2018, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Travel expenses in connection with attendance at all Board meetings and Board Committee meetings.
- 2) Travel expenses in connection with appearances at appropriate private or state entities on behalf of or to represent the Board.
- 3) Travel expenses in connection with investigations conducted by the Board, to include travel expenses of witnesses.
- 4) Travel expenses in connection with any court or deposition appearance for the purpose of providing testimony on behalf of the Board.
- 5) Travel expenses for attending the annual meetings of the Louisiana State Medical Society and the Louisiana State Medical Association, with payment of per diem for any member giving an annual report to said organizations.
- 6) Travel expenses in connection with meetings of the following national organizations and any committee thereof on which a member of the Board or a member of the Board's staff serves on behalf of the Board, including but not limited to the Federation of State Medical Boards, Administrators in Medicine and National Board of Medical Examiners, and all authorized meetings for educational purposes.
- 7) Travel expenses of its Committee members, where applicable by law, to committee meetings.
- 8) Travel expenses of its Committee members, where applicable by law, for attendance at conventions/seminars approved in advance by the Executive Director.

15. Rules and Regulations.

- a. **Final Rules/Amendments:** None since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. **Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent to Adopt: Physicians; Training:** During its December 2015 meeting, the Board received a further report from staff outlining the review and analysis of data, which correlates a decrease in disciplinary action with an increase in post-graduate year medical education. It also discussed the PGY requirements of other state medical boards and considered the current requirements in Louisiana for both US and IMGs. Finally, it considered staff's recommendation that an increase in PGY training should result in a decrease in physician disciplined by the Board. Following lengthy discussion and consideration, the Board asked that a draft rule be prepared for its review that would prospectively require physician applicants to complete an ACGME residency as a prerequisite to medical licensure. The Board considered an initial draft during the April 2016 meeting. Following further review and discussion at its June 2016 meeting, the Board approved providing a *Notice of Intent* to adopt rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to providing such notice, the Board approved additional amendments at its February 2017 meeting. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the July 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Several written comments were received during the comment period and a public hearing was held on August 28, 2017, to receive data, views, arguments, information or

comments. The written comments and a copy of the hearing transcript were presented for review and discussion. Following review and discussion at its October 2017 meeting, the Board suggest several substantive amendments to address the concerns raised by commenters. These amendments appeared in the Potpourri Section of the December 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing on the proposed changes has been scheduled for January 24, 2018. **Physicians; Collaboration with APRNs:** The President of the Board directed staff to reach out to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to address a number of issues previously identified as problematic for collaboration between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses. Representatives of the respective agencies met in December 2016 to discuss the effort, which focused on solutions within the structure of the current law. The Board reviewed a draft of the rules dealing with physicians who collaborate with APRNs. In April 2017, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered amendments to its rules on APRN collaboration that incorporate the same concepts as the Board's draft rules. At its May 2017 meeting, the Board approved the draft amendments and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register* and the corresponding Board of Nursing rules appeared in the November 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians, Podiatrists, PAs; Mandatory Access and Review of Prescription Monitoring Program Data:** At its July 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed Act 76 (2017 Regular Session of the Legislature) which, among other items, also requires licensing boards regulating practitioners with prescribing authority that includes opioids, to adopt rules requiring the prescriber or his delegate to access and review a patient's Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") data prior to initially prescribing any opioid to the patient. The Act further provides that the prescriber or his delegate shall access and review the patient's PMP data at least every ninety days if the patient's course of treatment continues for more than ninety days. The Act also provides for specific exceptions and enforcement. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to undertake a rulemaking effort to comply with Act 76. A draft was presented for initial consideration at its August 2017 meeting. A revised draft, including suggestions and recommendations is presented for further consideration. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the proposed rules and authorized publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The Board reviewed the one comment received and noted no change was necessary in the rule-making effort. **Physicians, Podiatrists, PAs, Medical Psychologists; Controlled Dangerous Substances, Continuing Medical Education:** At its July 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed Act 76 (2017 Reg. Session of the Legislature) which, among other items, requires health care providers who prescribe controlled dangerous substances (CDS) to obtain 3 hours of continuing medical education ("CME") pertaining to drug diversion training, best practices regarding prescribing of controlled substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other matters pertaining to the prescribing of CDS that are deemed appropriate by the licensing board. The CME is a one-time requirement and the three credit hours are considered among those required by the licensing board for license renewal. Act 76 provides that the CME requirement may be waived if the practitioner submits a certification form developed by the licensing board, attesting that she/he has not prescribed, administered or dispensed a CDS during the entire applicable reporting period. The certification must be verified by the Board through the PMP, which must submit aggregate annual compliance documentation to the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare. The law makes professional licensing boards responsible for developing rules and enforcement of the new requirements. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to undertake a rulemaking

effort to comply with Act 76. As part of that effort, the Board determined it will provide a link on its website of approved courses that licensees may utilize to meet the requirements of Act 76 of the 2017 Louisiana Legislature. Further revisions providing for acceptance of CME from all approved CME providers was considered by the Board at its October 2017 meeting, following which the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Said notice appeared in the December 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. Rules/Amendments Under Development: Physician Compounding Medication:

At its December 2014 and January 2015 meetings, the Board reviewed Emergency Rules adopted by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to reflect certain changes in federal law concerning compounded medication. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to undertake a rulemaking effort as to physicians who compound medication in order to insure consistency with federal and state law and regulations. A draft will be presented for initial review and consideration in due course. **Physician Advertising; Board Certification:**

At its March 2015 meeting, the Board determined to undertake a rulemaking effort to establish a process for its approval of certifying boards, alternative to the ABMS and AOA, for purposes of physician advertising of *Board Certification*. The Board directed that a draft be prepared and presented for review and approval. In conformity with the Board's direction, a draft was presented for initial review and discussion at the April 2015 meeting. At its May 2015 meeting, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. An additional word change was discussed and pre-notice input was received from interested parties. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to defer this effort to allow further consideration and input by other stakeholders. Inasmuch as further input had not been received, it was the consensus of the Board to write to several interested parties to ask for their input by the May meeting of the Board. During the May 2016 meeting, the Board reviewed the additional information submitted by the various stakeholders and entertained brief presentations by interested parties. Following discussion, the Board voted to defer action on this rule-making effort pending further review and voted to designate a Special Committee consisting of individuals recommended by the deans of the state's medical schools and a former Board member, to provide information on the processes involved in the accreditation of physician post-graduate training. During its January 2017 meeting, the Board received the committee's input. Following discussion, the Board requested certain changes to the draft previously appearing on its agenda, along with additional information for its consideration. Following further discussion and consideration at its April 2017 meeting, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt Draft 2(A). This matter will be considered at the February meeting of the Board. **Physicians** - Amendments to the physician licensure rules as suggested by staff is presented to initial review and discussion to update generally for consistency with current standards and make other substantive and technical modifications made necessary by the passage of time and current practices. Following review and discussion, the Board suggested proceeding slowly with the proposed changes in order to fully consider how such changes may impact other Sections of the rules. In the interim, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, of the members present, the Board approved moving forward with the suggested amendment to §417B to clarify that a renewal reminder would be mailed to licensees in lieu of an actual application.

16. General Administrative Matters; FBI Compliance; Security Door. The Board received the report of staff on the result of the FBI audit for Fingerprint Processing Compliance. The audit report showed that the fingerprint documents are required to be behind a secure locking door to

prevent unauthorized access. Following the report, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead the Board approved securing a locking door but deferred action pending receipt of more information on its compliance with state purchasing regulations.

17. Public Comments. The President asked if anyone from the public had questions and/or comments. Hearing none, the public session of the meeting ended.

[18.] Minutes of December 4, 2017 Executive Sessions. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board convened in executive session to review the minutes of its executive sessions conducted during the meeting of December 4, 2017. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of December 4, 2017.

[19.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board was a party, and the status of proceedings for judicial review of prior Board decisions, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(2). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[20.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board was a party, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(2). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board authorized Dr. Valentine to handle this matter as advised by counsel, as she deemed appropriate.

[21.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, to review the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. 42:17 A(1), (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[22.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the investigative reports as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee, and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the following:

- a. Formal Investigations: The Board approved commencing formal investigations in the following matters:

Investigation No., 17-513
Investigation No., 17-I-558
Investigation No., 17-757¹

¹ Dr. Dawson recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

Investigation No., 17-649
Investigation No., 17-I-745
Investigation No., 17-697

- b. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Howard Len Lipton, M.D., Docket No., 17-I-172
Dan John LeFleur, M.D., Docket No., 17-I-616²
Brian Chivas James, M.D., Docket No., 17-I-490
Thomas Joseph Seglio, DO, Docket No., 17-I-493
Kyle Kristen Runnels, Sr., M.D., Docket No., 14-I-648
Marcus Paul Guillory, CRT, Docket No., 17-I-632
Christopher W. Mizell, LRT, Docket No., 17-I-319
Janet Hanks Sukkar, RRT, Docket No., 15-I-1026

- c. Closed/Dismissed: The following matters were closed/dismissed:

Docket No., 17-I-224
Docket No., 17-845
Docket No., 17-438
Docket No., 17-440
Docket No., 17-441
Docket No., 17-947
Docket No., 17-I-210

- d. Closed/Dismissed: The following matter was closed/dismissed with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No., 16-I-674

- e. Closed Complaints Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for November and December 2017.

- f. Referral – The Board reviewed follow-up information regarding the following matter referred to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Docket No., 17-I-210

[23.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

[24.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, the Board convened in executive session to consider the request relating to the execution or modification of a Decision and/or Consent Order as a matter relating to the character and

² Dr. Johnson recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, made the following decisions:

- a. Wesp, Aaron Gerald, M.D. – To approve the request of Aaron Gerald Wesp, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.
- b. McConkey, Kimberly A. LRT – To approve the request of Kimberly A. McConkey, LRT, for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation in accordance with the terms of her Consent Order dated December 5, 2016.
- c. Giddens, Jeffrey Lee, M.D. – To approve the request of Jeffrey Lee Giddens, M.D., removing Paragraph 5 of his Consent Order dated March 15, 2016 allowing for the collaboration with nurse practitioners and supervision of physician assistants.
- d. Allied Health Monitoring Report – To accept the Allied Health Monitoring Report.
- e. Disciplinary Actions Summary – To accept for information only the summary of disciplinary actions for years 2015-2017.

[25.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. On motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the following for licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Laboratory Assistant

Clark, Rancios L.

Technician

Lindsey, Tyrone Anthony

[26] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapist. On motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote of the member, made the following decisions:

- a. Deferred
- To defer action on the application of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Chew, Shannon Mariah

- b. Approved – To approve the request of the following for a waiver of an examination attempt thereby making her eligible for licensure in accordance with §1935 of the Board's rules

Megan, Jean Groth, OTA

[27.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Boman, Lars
Cole, Stewart Delos
DiSanto, Vinson M.
Ernst, Karen D.
Hastings, Laurel Hadley
Hollander, Susan Lindsay

Landefeld, Kevin
Miller, Robert Louis
Rush, Benjamin T., DO
Smoot, Rachael Tyler
Therwhanger, John Michael

[28.] Licensure and Certification; Foreign/International Medical Graduates. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following the review, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Approved – To approve the request for a waiver of an examination attempt due to extenuating circumstances for the following provided all requirements had been met:

Chang-Hyun Choi

- b. Approved - To approve a waiver of the licensure requirements for the following in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules:

Patel, Krupal

[29.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Visiting Physician Permit. On motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for a Visiting Physician Permit as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the following for issuance of a Visiting Physician Permit provided all requirements had been met:

Woods, George W., Jr.

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Medical Psychologist; Advanced Practice. On motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Hansen, Catherine, PhD, MP

[31.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; USMLE; Sponsorship. On motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the following for USLME Sponsorship:

McLaughlin, Nathaniel James, M.D.

32. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for February 19, 20, 2018.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, January 8, 2017.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session of the Board conducted therein, held on January 8, 2018 and approved by the Board on the 19th day of February, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 19th day of February 2018.

Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.

President